

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method is provided for performing a depth test for an image in a graphics system. This may include determining a format of a depth buffer device and storing a value associated with a pixel of the image in the depth buffer device based on the determined format of the depth buffer device. In the  
5 depth test, a value associated with a current pixel may be compared to the value stored in the depth buffer device in the determined format.

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